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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : The New Defense Mapping Agency

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1. [ ] of DIA Mapping and Charting called regarding the consolidation of all DoD mapping and charting activities under [ ] He noted that this would be a large organization (8 to 10 thousand people) with a status equivalent to that of DIA. He pointed out that portions of this organization had worked closely with COMIREX and there was a good deal of interest in COMIREX activities as well as some other USIB committees. His basic question was how this organization could dovetail into the USIB structure. Asking if membership in USIB for [ ] was a practical solution, I advised him that membership was probably out of the question both because of previous precedents and the fact that it would require revision of NSCID No. 1. [ ] recognized this.

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2. I suggested that an effort be made to establish and maintain close informal working relationships between the USIB committee structure and [ ] organization. I recommended that if any kind of formal relationship was desired, it should be initiated for [ ] following consultation with appropriate people, e.g., [ ]

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[ ] I suggested the possibility of exchange of letters between [ ] the DCI and [ ]

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I also indicated that attendance at USIB meetings by [ ] for specific items of special interest to him might well be arranged. I also recommended that [ ]

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organization maintain a close relationship with the DIA members of appropriate USIB committees. In closing the conversation I asked [ ] to keep the USIB Secretariat informed if any move should develop to establish anything more than informal, albeit close, working relationships between the new mapping and charting organization and the USIB committees, particularly COMIREX.

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[ ]

Executive Secretary, USIB

JCS review(s)  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR** Secretaries of the Military Departments  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Defense Research and Engineering  
Assistant Secretaries of Defense  
General Counsel  
Assistants to the Secretary of Defense  
Directors of the Defense Agencies

**SUBJECT:** DoD Organizational Changes - Mapping, Charting,  
and Geodesy

**References:** (a) Presidential Memorandum of November 5, 1971;  
Subject: Organization and Management of the  
U. S. Foreign Intelligence Community  
(b) SecDef Memorandum of November 10, 1971;  
Subject: DoD Organizational Changes

In reference (a) President Nixon directed consolidation of DoD mapping, charting, and geodetic (MC&G) operations under a single Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) to obtain optimum efficiency and economy without impairing legitimate requirements of the separate Services. In reference (b) I directed the ASD(Comptroller) to develop a plan which would accomplish this reorganization.

I have reviewed his proposed plan and considered the views of Defense components affected by this consolidation. Accordingly, I have determined:

1. Defense Mapping Agency will be established as a separate agency reporting through the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense.
2. The ASD(Comptroller) will have primary responsibility for staff review and financial management of MC&G programs at Office, Secretary of Defense level.

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3. DoD MC&G functions and resources will be consolidated as follows:

a. Defense Intelligence Agency (MC&G) -- consolidate under DMA.

b. Military Departments' Headquarters Staffs -- consolidate under DMA. However, retention of some expertise in these areas is appropriate. Specific resources to be transferred will be established by the Director, DMA in conjunction with the individual Military Departments.

c. Army Topographic Command -- consolidate under DMA.

d. Aeronautical Chart and Information Center -- consolidate under DMA.

e. Office of the Navy Oceanographer (MC&G activities) -- consolidate resources devoted exclusively to MC&G under DMA. The Director, DMA and the Navy Oceanographer will negotiate transfer of resources which support both MC&G and oceanographic functions and develop cross-servicing arrangements to insure effective continuation of each program.

f. 1st Geodetic Survey Squadron of ACGS and the MC&G element of the 15th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron -- consolidate under DMA.

g. RDT&E -- retain in the Services.

h. Data Collection (including technical equipment operation and maintenance) -- retain in the Services. DMA and the Services will monitor this arrangement with a view to selective revision as required.

i. Navy Satellite Geophysics Project -- consolidate under DMA.

j. Army Topographic Battalions, MC&G elements of Air Force Reconnaissance Technical Units, and Marine Topographic Platoon -- retain in the Services.

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k. Inter-American Geodetic Survey -- consolidate under DMA.

l. Department of Topography, Army Engineer School -- consolidate under DMA.

m. Special Security Offices supporting MC&G activities -- consolidate under DMA.

n. Long-term full time training resources for civilian personnel -- consolidate under DMA.

4. The Navy Oceanographer's statutory responsibilities under USC Title 10, Chapter 639, Sections 7391, 7392, 7393, 7394 will be transferred to DMA.

5. The Director, DMA will serve as program manager and coordinator of all DoD MC&G resources and activities.

6. The Director, DMA will be military at the O-9 level. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is requested to submit to me his nominees for the position.

7. DMA civilian personnel will be hired under the career service except when specific positions warrant excepted treatment on a selective basis.

8. Each Military Department and DIA (MC&G) will provide to the Director, DMA ten people on a temporary basis to assist him in developing his organizational structure, internal operating procedures, cross-servicing agreements, and substantive program changes during the transition.

The ASD(Comptroller) will assist the Director, DMA and monitor progress with respect to implementation of these decisions. During this transition MC&G activities should continue without interruption -- implementation should be accomplished by July 1, 1972.

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Supplementary Guidelines on Relationships

1. DMA will interface closely with DIA and other members of the intelligence community to assure responsiveness to intelligence needs for MC&G support, and conversely, the needs for intelligence support to MC&G operations.
2. DMA will establish MC&G requirements for intelligence collection support and levy them on DIA for fulfillment.
3. DMA will maintain continuing close liaison with the military doctrine and weapons systems development of DoD components to insure the timely development of MC&G products and services to support new systems when they become available for introduction.
4. DMA will provide MC&G technical advisory and specialized survey support as required by DoD Weapons Systems Managers, Test Ranges, and other DoD components.
5. DMA will work closely with DIA and with the JCS to insure that terrain data, developed in surveying and mapping operations and processed into MC&G data bases, are compatible with DIA needs for intelligence production and with JCS requirements for environmental data.
6. DMA and DIA will maintain a close working relationship to insure effective continuation of the Air Target Materials Program.
7. DMA will establish requirements for data from overhead reconnaissance systems used for MC&G production operations. DMA will participate in COMIREX when MC&G-related matters are being considered. DMA will chair a COMIREX MC&G working group to coordinate DoD requirements for data support of MC&G with those of non-DoD agencies and to facilitate the interface between MC&G and other national collection requirements.

8. DMA will provide technical staff support to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, and, through the Board, to the Secretary of Interior in carrying out his responsibility for geographic names standardization.

9. DMA will utilize DIA aerial photography library services. Cartographic aerial photography obtained by DMA for MC&G purposes will be furnished to DIA. During the period when the original negative is in use in DMA, a duplicate will be furnished to DIA for servicing other library customers.

10. DMA will develop the DoD policy guidance and provide advice to the Oceanographer of the Navy for DoD MC&G matters relative to the performance of his function as the Federal Coordinator for Ocean Mapping and Prediction.



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